By Mr. K. S. K. Sabhapathi Iyer (Madhugiri Urban).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the Mavathur tank was constructed;

(2) what was the number of acres it was meant to cultivate;

(3) how many acres have come under irrigation;

(4) why the rest has not come under irrigation;

(5) whether any measures are taken to bring the rest under irrigation;

(6) whether the limitation of atchkat facilitates extra storage of water;

(7) whether representations are not made that the tank scarcely irrigates one crop;

(8) what measures are taken to mitigate drawbacks if any.

Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works.—

A.—17. (1) 1896-1900.

(2) 2,700 acres.

(3) 1,396 acres 36 guntas to end of 1922-23.
200 acres since added
Total 1,600 acres approximately.

(4) The reasons so far ascertained are:—

(*a*) The aversion of the Inamdar of Budemarnahalli to get his Inam lands (600 acres) irrigated by paying contribution and water rate to Government.

(*b*) The prevalent custom of Visakhi cultivation instead of Karthiki involves a greater draw-off from the tank as no advantage of the rains is taken.

(*c*) Inaccessibility from either Koratagere or Goribidnur side for want of good roads.

(*d*) Scarcity of raiyat population and non-availability of green manure.

(*e*) Detached portions of lands under a long length of channel are brought under cultivation instead of one continuous stretch as water rate and contribution are levied on portion of land actually irrigated out of irrigable lands.

(*f*) The cultivation of sugarcane in the tail end of channel necessitates periodical supply in non-irrigation periods and this is very wasteful and uses up the storage in the tank much sooner.

(5) The Deputy Commissioner has been addressed

in the matter and also the opening of new roads from the 18th mile of Dobspet to Koratagere and another from Madhugiri to Thondebhavi is under consideration.

(6) The question is not clear.

(7) The capacity of the tank is 2,766 units and this is quite ample for bringing even an additional area of 1,000 acres under irrigation. The tank also discharges once in 3 years.

(8) Please see answer to Question (5).

Supplementary Question and Answer.

Mr. K. S. K. Sabhapathi Iyer.—

Do not the Government know that the tank water is wasted on the Karthiki crop which does not require so much water and that there will be no water left for the first crop to be raised in the Visakha month?

Dewan.—

The Revenue Commissioner expects to inspect the place within a month and send up a detailed report to Government. Necessary action will be taken to remedy the grievances complained of.

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Q—19. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the Mandagere Channel extension and improvement work was started;

(2) what is the amount spent up-to-date on the work excluding annual maintenance;

(3) what was the estimated amount sanctioned for his work at first;

(4) whether water is being supplied in channel, as proposed in the project;